STATE OF ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: TREND MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC.,

TREND CAPITAL, LLC,

THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,

EMPLOYEES, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS,) File No. 00700002

AGENTS AND ASSIGNS,

AND RAYMOND DENTON

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO THE RESPONDENTS:

Trend Management Group, Inc. Trend Capital, LLC 9180 South Kyrene Road Suite 112 Tempe, AZ 85284

Peter Davis, Receiver for Trend Management Group, Inc. and Trend Capital LLC C/O Simon Consulting, LLC 3200 North Central Ave, Suite 850 Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Ryan W. Anderson, Esq. Attorney for Receiver Guttilla Murphy Anderson P.C. 4150 West Northern Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85051

Raymond Denton 4306 Grand Ave. Joplin, MO 64804

You are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 11.F of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953, [815 ILCS 5/1 et seq.] (the "Act") and 14 Ill. Adm. Code 130, Subpart K, a public hearing will be held at 300 West Jefferson Street, Suite 300A, Springfield, Illinois 62702, on the 16th day of July, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, before Jon K. Ellis, or such other duly designated Hearing Officer of the Secretary of State.

Said hearing will be held to determine whether an Order of Prohibition should be entered against Trend Management Group, Inc., Trend Capital, LLC, their Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, Affiliates, Successors and Assigns, and Raymond Denton (the "Respondents") in the State of Illinois and granting such other relief as may be authorized under the Act including but not limited to imposition of a monetary fine in the maximum amount pursuant to Section 11 of the Act, payable within ten (10) days of the entry of the

The grounds for such proposed action are as follows:

- 1. That Respondents, Trend Management Group, Inc., and Trend Capital, LLC, are purported business entities with a last known address of 9180 Kyrene Road, Suite 112, Tempe, Arizona 85284;
- That Respondent, Raymond Denton, is an individual with last known addresses of 4306 Grand Ave., Joplin, Missouri 64804;
- 3. That at all times relevant, the Respondent, Raymond Denton, was an Officer, Director, Agent or Employee, of The Trend Group;
- 4. That on or about June 9, 2004, the Respondents Trend Management Group, Inc., Trend Capital, LLC, their Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, Affiliates, Successors and Assigns, and Raymond Denton, offered and sold to EH, an Illinois resident, a membership agreement and "Certificate of Participation" for a total amount of \$100,000; that in return for said investment, EH would receive an investment return of 8.15% annually for 60 months;
- 5. That on or about August 3, 2004, the Respondents Trend Management Group, Inc., Trend Capital, LLC, their Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, Affiliates, Successors and Assigns, and Raymond Denton, offered and sold to LD, an Illinois resident, a membership agreement and "Certificate of Participation" for a total amount of \$25,000; that in return for said investment, LD would receive an investment return of 8.15% annually for 60 months;
- 6. That on or about June 17, 2004, the Respondents Trend Management Group, Inc., Trend Capital, LLC, their Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, Affiliates, Successors and

Assigns, and Raymond Denton, offered and sold to EG, an Illinois resident, a membership agreement and "Certificate of Participation" for a total amount of \$17,094; that in return for said investment, EG would receive an investment return of 8.15% per annum for 60 months;

- 7. That on or about September 14, 2004, the Respondents Trend Management Group, Inc., Trend Capital, LLC, their Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, Affiliates, Successors and Assigns, and Raymond Denton, offered and sold to JK, an Illinois resident, a membership agreement and "Certificate of Participation" for a total amount of \$30,000; that in return for said investment, JK would receive an investment return of 8.15% annually for 60 months;
- 8. That on or about August 23, 2004, the Respondents Trend Management Group, Inc., Trend Capital, LLC, their Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, Affiliates, Successors and Assigns, and Raymond Denton, offered and sold to MC, an Illinois resident, a membership agreement and "Certificate of Participation" for a total amount of \$30,000; that in return for said investment, MC would receive an investment return of 8.15% annually for 60 months;
- 9. That on or about August 12, 2004, the Respondents Trend Management Group, Inc., Trend Capital, LLC, their Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, Affiliates, Successors and Assigns, and Raymond Denton, offered and sold to HC, an Illinois resident, a membership agreement and "Certificate of Participation" for a total amount of \$10,000; that in return for said investment, HC would receive an investment return of 8.15% annually for 60 months;
- 10. That the Respondents represented that the purchase of the aforementioned membership agreement and "Certificate of Participation" purportedly allowed the investor to participate in the profits of The Trend Group whose business included the purchase of credit card debt for pennies on the dollar and the subsequent collection on said credit card debt, the profits from which would fund and/or pay for the aforementioned investment returns;
- 11. That each of the aforementioned "Certificate of Participation" is an investment contract and therefore is a security as that term is defined pursuant to Section 2.1. of

the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5/1 et seq.] (the "Act");

- 12. That Section 5 of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>, that all securities except those exempt under Section 3 of the Act or those offered and sold in transactions exempt under Section 4 of the Act shall be registered with the Secretary of State prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois;
- 13. That Section 12.A of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to offer or sell securities except in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
- 14. That Section 12.D of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to fail to file with the Secretary of State any document or application required to be filed under the provision of the Act;
- 15. That at all times relevant hereto, the Respondents Trend Management Group, Inc., Trend Capital, LLC, their Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, Affiliates, Successors and Assigns, and Raymond Denton, failed to file an application for registration of the above-referenced securities with the Secretary of State prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois;
- 16. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondents Trend Management Group, Inc., Trend Capital, LLC, their Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, Affiliates, Successors and Assigns, and Raymond Denton, have violated Sections 12.A and 12.D of the Act;
- 17. That Section 11.E(2) of the Act provides, inter alia, that if the Secretary of State shall find that any person has violated subsection D of Section 12 of the Act, the Secretary of State may by written order prohibit the person from offering or selling any securities in this State;
- 18. That Section 11.E.(3) of the Act provides, inter alia, that if the Secretary of State shall find that any person is engaging or has engaged in the business of selling or offering for sale securities as a dealer or salesperson without prior thereto and at the time thereof having complied with the registration or notice filing requirements of this Act, the Secretary of State may by written order

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prohibit the person from offering or selling any securities in this State;

- 19. That Section 11.E(4) of the Act provides, inter alia, that if the Secretary of State, after finding that any provision of the Act has been violated, may impose a fine as provided by rule, regulation or order not to exceed \$10,000.00 for each violation of the Act, as well as an order of public censure and the costs of investigation and reasonable expenses;
- 20. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondents Trend Management Group, Inc., Trend Capital, LLC, their Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, Affiliates, Successors and Assigns, and Raymond Denton, are subject to a fine of up to \$10,000.00 per violation, costs of investigation, reasonable expenses, an order of censure, and an order which permanently prohibits the Respondents from offering or selling securities in the State of Illinois.

You are further notified that you are required pursuant to Section 130.1104 of the Rules and Regulations (14 Ill. Adm. Code 130) (the "Rules"), to file an answer to the allegations outlined above or a Special Appearance pursuant to Section 130.1107 of the Rules, or other responsive pleading within thirty days of the receipt of this notice. Your failure to do so within the prescribed time shall be deemed an admission of the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing and waives your right to a hearing.

Furthermore, you may be represented by legal counsel; may present evidence; may cross-examine witnesses and otherwise participate. A failure to so appear shall constitute default.

Delivery of notice to the designated representative of any Respondent constitutes service upon such Respondents.

Dated this 13^m day of May, 2008.

Jesse White
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Secretary of State
State of Illinois

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